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REFER TO: PJC/ 05-1498

Robert Mathews
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Liberty

Ernie Lazar
577 S. Thornhill Road #6
Palm Springs, CA 92246-7884

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for access to documents maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). During their review, they recovered documents that were found to have originated with this agency, as well as FBI documents that contained information that was provided by this agency. They were forwarded to this office for disclosure determination and direct response to you.

Your request is granted in part. We are releasing the disclosable portions of the documents that contain exempt information and withholding portions of the documents for the reasons cited on the attached Document Cover Sheet.

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Sincerely,

Peter J. Chisholm

Senior Disclosure Specialist

Enclosure

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TO : SAC, PHOENIX

DATE: 3/8/73

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: SONS OF LIBERTY
EM - WHG
OO: Phoenix

Enclosed for each of the Phoenix and San Diego Offices is a copy of certain material received from the Department of the Treasury, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P. O. Box 1991, Main Office, Los Angeles, California. The material consists of 13 pages.

Enclosures concern Sons of Liberty which has been active in the Phoenix, Arizona, area. The organization reportedly has some affiliation with the Secret Army Organization and consequently a set of the materials is enclosed for San Diego.

The captioned organization is not identical with an organization which has been investigated in Los Angeles under the caption "SONS OF LIBERTY, EM - WHG, OO: Los Angeles Bufile 157-17217, LA File 157-5253".

No further action being taken in Los Angeles relative to captioned matter. Los Angeles is retaining the original material received.

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2 - San Diego (Encls. 13) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles

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TO : SAC, PHOENIX (157-1342) (P)

DATE: 2/15/73

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: SONS OF LIBERTY
EM - WHG

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[REDACTED]

On 2/9/73, SA [REDACTED] ATF, advised that a source who has furnished him reliable information in the past had stated that there has been no organizational activity on the part of the SONS OF LIBERTY since last summer, and ROBERT MATHEWS has since gone to California and Texas. Source advised that MATHEWS is presently residing in Texas, but his address is unknown.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that SAC authority be granted to interview [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] known members of captioned organization, concerning MATHEWS, the identity of [REDACTED] and the status of the organization. [REDACTED] is currently residing at [REDACTED]

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(1 - 157-1342) (SOL)
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SONS OF LIBERTY (SOL)

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On December 27, 1972, the Office of the Maricopa County Attorney received a letter entitled "Sons of Liberty," which made specific reference to the SOL's position in regard to racism and anti-Semitism stating, "Let it be known that the Sons of Liberty is not a racist, neo-Nazi, or anti-Semitic organization." The letter appeared to be a clarification of the SOL position, as the desert conference of July 5, 1972, included threats against the Black Panthers and Brown Berets. The letter was signed [REDACTED] Arizona Sons of Liberty."

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[REDACTED] advised that Robert Jay Mathews had been associated with Thorpe and Bremer, meeting them at Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona.

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On March 8, 1973, [REDACTED] advised that Mathews and Thorpe frequented the desert to practice "Guerrilla Warfare" in the spring of 1972, and it was believed, but not substantiated, that Thorpe and Bremer were participants with the SOL in the desert interview of July 5, 1972.

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On March 8, 1973, [REDACTED] advised that the primary association of the SOL during the Spring of 1972 was with tax protest groups in the Phoenix area, led by one [REDACTED]. Since that time, three members of the tax protest group have been convicted for filing fraudulent W-4 (withholding) forms. One of the convicted, [REDACTED], who is currently inactive due to legal problems resulting from his conviction, furnished [REDACTED] information substantiating the fact that the SOL is no longer active. [REDACTED] also [REDACTED]

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SONS OF LIBERTY (SOL)

stated that the threats against IRS Agents were never meant seriously.

[REDACTED]

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On March 16, 1973, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. [REDACTED] advised that he had been politically involved with Robert Mathews, meeting Mathews at [REDACTED]. He stated that Mathews is overzealous in his patriotism and he discouraged Mathews from stockpiling weapons. [REDACTED] advised that he has not seen or heard from Mathews in months, and has no idea where Mathews is living. [REDACTED] stated Mathews' SOL was primarily a paper organization to which he [REDACTED] did not belong.

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[REDACTED] stated that he did not accompany Mathews on the desert incident July 5, 1972, and he had no knowledge of who might have participated. [REDACTED] noted that there has been no SOL activity since July 5, 1972, and it was his belief that Arthur James Parker, mentioned above, is actually a pen name of Robert Mathews.

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On March 19, 1973, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. [REDACTED] stated he had become acquainted with Robert Jay Mathews at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he had attended a SOL meeting in Tempe, Arizona, during the Spring of 1972. The meeting had been organized by Mathews and only a couple other people were present. [REDACTED] declined to furnish the names of those present and also disavowed any knowledge of identities of the participants in the desert newscast on July 5, 1972. [REDACTED] stated he had had no association with the SOL since the Spring of 1972, he has not seen or heard from Mathews in over six months, and he has no knowledge of Mathews' present whereabouts.

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[REDACTED] is SA [REDACTED] ATF, Phoenix, Arizona.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS
P. O. Box 1991, Main Office
Los Angeles, California 90053

February 12, 1973

REFER TO
W:C:LA:EED/pk

[REDACTED]
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
11000 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90024

Attention: Militant Section

Dear [REDACTED]

Attached for your information and whatever investigation you deem advisable is a copy of an investigation report from our Special Agent Julius Wachtel of Phoenix, Arizona Post of Duty regarding the Sons of Liberty.

If any other information is needed regarding this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Respectfully,

Edgar E. Dillon
Edgar E. Dillon, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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EX

TO : Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

DATE: February 2, 1973

FROM : [REDACTED] Special Agent, ATF
Phoenix, Arizona

SUBJECT: UI 3907 0173 0028F
The Sons of Liberty -- Secret Army Organization

This Memorandum will summarize the information received as result of the captioned investigation.

Origin of the Investigation

This investigation commenced when a confidential source stated that [REDACTED] had boasted of belonging to a right-wing paramilitary organization which stockpiled T-II weapons. In further conversations, JOHNSTON stated that he had acquired grenades and other ordnance while in the Army, and stored these items at his residence.

Organization and Goals

Confidential sources have disclosed that THE SONS OF LIBERTY is a small, irregular organization, which was created in 1971 by ROBERT J. MATTHEWS. The name THE SONS OF LIBERTY has been previously used by other individuals in similar, earlier groups, in Arizona. Two members of an older group which used the same name are [REDACTED] (aka [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]). It is reported that MATTHEWS, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] became acquainted through political groups at Arizona State University, Tempe, but that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have since become largely inactive.

The goals of THE SONS OF LIBERTY, according to statements made by MATTHEWS, are to prepare for a counter-revolution against left-wing and Communist elements. According to MATTHEWS, these subversives are currently gaining control of the Government, especially in the Federal bureaucracy. In order to prepare themselves, MATTHEWS has urged prospective members of THE SONS OF LIBERTY to stockpile food, clothing and medical supplies, to acquire a four-wheel drive vehicle, weapons and ammunition, and to become familiar with desert survival techniques. It has been suggested by MATTHEWS that the desert would provide a last line of defense for THE SONS OF LIBERTY in their fight against Communists.

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The main connection among the individuals mentioned as possible members of THE SONS OF LIBERTY has been a tax-protest group, whose leader is [REDACTED]. This group, active in the Phoenix area, has published a large volume of anti-income tax brochures and pamphlets. Much of this material also contains attacks against the Federal bureaucracy, in general, and cautions against infiltration of the Government by Communists and left-wing radicals.

On June 29, 1972, [REDACTED] was convicted in Federal Court of filing fraudulent W-4 (withholding) forms with his employer, by claiming an excessive number of deductions. He received a nine-month prison sentence, which is currently under appeal. Other members of the tax-protest group who have been convicted of this offense include [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ROBERT J. MATTHEWS and [REDACTED] among others, are currently under investigation for similar offenses.

Confidential sources have stated that THE SONS OF LIBERTY was most active in Spring, 1972. At that time, MATTHEWS was attempting to recruit membership, by contacting students at Arizona State University, Tempe, through various political clubs, including the YOUNG REPUBLICANS and the COLLEGE REPUBLICANS. Also mentioned as an organization which was contacted by MATTHEWS is the YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (YAF.) According to sources, the YAF was a common meeting-ground for all the individuals who eventually associated themselves with THE SONS OF LIBERTY.

Two persons who joined with MATTHEWS at that time were GREGORY LYNN THORPE and [REDACTED]. THORPE was a student at the University, and owned a four-wheel drive vehicle. He and MATTHEWS reportedly frequented the desert and practiced "guerilla warfare." They bought Army Field Manuals and a number of T-I firearms, including rifles and pistols, which were kept at their residences. [REDACTED] was asked by MATTHEWS to train other individuals in desert survival and marksmanship, but it does not appear that this actually took place. MATTHEWS advised other prospective members that they should also purchase firearms and ammunition, preferably from private sources so that no record remains of the transaction. It is believed that a few other unidentified persons also were actively involved with MATTHEWS in THE SONS OF LIBERTY, at that time.

On July 6, 1972, a group of men, dressed in fatigue-type uniforms, and with faces disguised, were interviewed by KOOL-TV, Phoenix. One of these persons, reportedly the spokesman, was MATTHEWS. The meeting occurred in the desert, assertedly while the men were conducting guerilla

training exercises. They were armed with conventional rifles and what appeared to be one M-14 rifle. The spokesman made a general warning to all "enemies of the Constitution," and particularly chastized the Internal Revenue Service. ATF was mentioned by way of the shooting incident in Maryland. (See Exhibit No. 1, att.)

A number of groups were mentioned in the above interview, as being allied with THE SONS OF LIBERTY in their struggle against Communism. These groups were the MINUTEMEN, the SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION, ALPHA-66, the ARIZONA and CALIFORNIA HOME DEFENSE CORPS, and the CALIFORNIA RANGERS.

Confidential sources have stated that MATTHEWS had distributed brochures from the SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION while recruiting for THE SONS OF LIBERTY. No positive connection has been made between these two organizations, although it was stated that MATTHEWS was associated with the SECRET ARMY ORGANIZATION and had made at least one trip to San Diego, Calif., in that regard.

Recent Developments

In the late Summer months, 1972, Internal Revenue ID Agents began to receive harrassing telephone calls, allegedly from the tax protestors. Also received was one threatening letter, believed to be written by MATTHEWS. As result, IRS-ID Agents began to closely follow MATTHEWS' movements, and their close surveillance caused MATTHEWS to switch vehicles with GREGORY THORPE, in an attempt to elude the Agents. This eventually resulted in causing MATTHEWS to leave Arizona. THORPE assisted MATTHEWS in moving to California. Sources have reported that MATTHEWS is now in Texas.

Since that time, it appears that THE SONS OF LIBERTY has not been active. A confidential source reported that this was confirmed by NEIL JOHNSTON, who also stated that the threats against the IRS-ID Agents were never meant seriously. JOHNSTON is also inactive, apparently due to the legal problems as result of his conviction.

A National Firearms Registration check, made in August, 1972, disclosed that the following two firearms were registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Due to information received from a confidential source, it was revealed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At that time, the Mauser was without the connecting lugs or shoulder stock. [REDACTED]

The Riverside Arms weapon made from a shotgun is allegedly possessed by MATTHEWS, to whom THORPE delivered it for safe-keeping. This firearm has been observed to be carried in MATTHEWS' jeep, prior to his departure for California. (See Exhibit No. 2, att.)

On December 20, 1972, GREGORY THORPE died as result of apparently self-inflicted gunshot wounds. According to the Phoenix Police report, THORPE, in an apparent fit of rage, shot and killed his wife, a friend, the friends wife, and then himself. The weapons used in this incident were a shotgun and a 9MM pistol, neither being of the type to require registration.

Due to this incident, a number of individuals who had been associated with THORPE and knew of his activities came forward with additional information. They corroborated what had already been learned of THORPE's interests in a right-wing paramilitary movement, and stated that he had frequently talked of his interests in weapons and desert survival. THORPE had occasionally displayed his firearms, none of which were described to be T-II weapons. MATTHEWS was also known by another of these sources, who identified some of his weapons to be "survival" rifles, conventional in nature.

Conclusion

Although a considerable amount of intelligence information has been gained through this investigation, no firm evidence has been gained that T-II firearms or explosives are being stockpiled by THE SONS OF LIBERTY or its alleged membership. One registered firearm has been traced from GREGORY THORPE to its current owner, and appropriate notice of this has been made in Memorandum form (Exhibit No. 2.) It appears that, currently, THE SONS OF LIBERTY is not a viable organization, in the Phoenix, Arizona, area.

ATF, Phoenix, will continue to monitor the activities of this group, and further significant information will be reported, as received.

The following page contains identifying information regarding [REDACTED] GREGORY LYNN THORPE (deceased,) ROBERT J. MATTHEWS, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] M/C, 5-10, 170, Brn/Brn, 2-8-35.

Soc. Sec. No. [REDACTED] FBI No. [REDACTED] Residence:
[REDACTED]

GREGORY LYNN THORPE (Deceased): M/C, 5-7, 130, Blue/
Brn, 9-2-50. Last residence (with [REDACTED]):
[REDACTED]

ROBERT J. MATTHEWS: M/C, 5-6, 160, Brn/Brn, 1-16-53.
Soc. Sec. No. 527-04-2870. Last known residence (with father,
John J. Matthews): 2401 E. Southern Av., Tempe, Ariz.

[REDACTED] M/C, 5-10, 180, Brn/Brn, 2-24-40. Soc. Sec.
No. [REDACTED] Residence: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Special Agent

TRANSCRIPT OF KOOL NEWS TV FILM & RECORDING
DATED JULY 6, 1972

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What is the purpose of your being here?

The purpose is to raise funds and also to appeal to the broad segment of the American people, the freedom loving American people, in the struggle against Communists around the world.

Well, what do you feel - do you feel there's a danger of Communist takeover here in the United States?

Pretty much so, there's constant supervision in the American way of life today and it's pretty much around up until this minute, yes.

Well, what do you do with the funds you collect, what are they specifically aimed for?

We try to find ways and means to have the legitimate and the free people or the Cuban people and all the people in the world to have their freedom and the dignity as a free people back.

Now, you say you're a member of Alpha 66?

I am a member of Alpha 66, I'm also a commander of the International Anti-Communist Long Range Penetration Forces. Our main objective is the destroying of the Communists in the United States and in the world today, in particular those areas which is considered a trouble spot today.

Now, you have -- the name Alpha 66 has been connected with recent -- fairly recent invasions of the Cuban area and also it has been mentioned in some sky jacking incidents. What do you have to say about that?

It is true that there was a movement connected with Alpha 66 in the coordinating the plan in come back to the Cuban homeland and liberate us from the -- to give the people back the spirit back of the Revolution of Jose Marle, but the organization disclaims any connection with the hijackings whatsoever so far as that regard.

Why has your organization been outlawed here in the United States?

That is reason unknown. We have the same principle of the other legitimate group, The Free Friends for example, and the struggle against the Nazis in World War II and the Lithuanian Movement in Eastern Europe and many other Communist occupied countries and we feel that it was a misguided attempt by the Federal Government and the bureaucracy existing within the administration to put us in that spot in that regard.

Okay, you want to turn it off?

EXHIBIT NO. 1

Person might be me and it might not.

[REDACTED] I would like to introduce you to one of my American friends,
fellow freedom.....

Reverend [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This is [REDACTED] how do you do.

Is that going?

I've got to press it, I borrowed this tape recorder.

Okay, you've got to start it because.....

Do you have a flashlight you can put on that?

Watch out.

Is this one running?

Yeah, he put it on.

The Cassette, there's no Cassette in it.

American people. To the Communist radicals on the other end attempting to do the same thing. Included in this warning are all enemies of the Constitution, all enemies of the Constitution, whether they be Nazi, Fascist, Socialist, or Communist. Gentlemen, included in this warning are all people _____. As a commanding officer of the Arizona Brigade of the Sons of Liberty, I have just met with the commanding officers of all the other brigades of SOL along with the commanding officers of all of the major and most of the minor patriotic resistance movements in the United States. Also included in this emergency strategy meeting were representatives from foreign resistance movements, representatives of our good friends and ally Alpha 66 were also there. The commanding officers at this meeting have decided that no longer can we bid more time to words and petitions. I have been given the impression that the other resistance movements are taking the same course. I know that our brigade has been put on emergency standby. Our squad has been picked because of its excellent record in the past to have the privilege of relaying this information out to the news media. I'm sure that the Secret Army organization, the Minutemen, the Arizona Home Defense Corps, the California Home Defense Corps, the Colorado Home Defense Corps, the California Rangers and all the other patriotic resistance movements are taking the same action. Our squad has been asked to meet with a reporter and give on behalf of the Arizona Brigade of the Sons of Liberty one grand last warning to the enemies of the Constitution, both foreign and

domestic, to put them on notice that they had better cease their attack upon the Constitution and the individual liberties of the American people, that they had better repent and cease their attack immediately or in the near future we'll be forced to take the same measures that our forefathers took approximately 196 years ago. This warning is directed mainly at our domestic enemies for first we must cleanse our inward vessel. This warning goes specifically to the Federal bureaucracy, the bureau that for years has trampled upon the individual rights of the American people, the bureaucracy that grows bolder and bolder day by day in its attacks upon the Constitution and the rights of the little people. Specifically in the Federal bureaucracy we are warning the Internal Revenue Service for they represent, more than any other bureau, the bold and arrogant attacks that have been taking place on the Constitution by the Federal bureaucracy. Specifically in Arizona we are warning the Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service. To name just a few of the many, many agents they have here to spy upon and harrass Arizona citizens,

Chief of Intelligence for Internal Revenue Service, and one of his pet agents, a man responsible for harrassing many small people in this state, [REDACTED] We are warning you men directly that you had better cease your harrassing attacks upon the citizens of Arizona. This is a last grand warning we are going to take. Our warning is also issued not only at a state level, not only at this brigade level, but at a National level to Internal Revenue Service. Also, especially to the agents, the 29 agents who attacked the patriot Maryland Bellow who put a bullet in his head, a sad, unfortunate incident that the National news media failed to report. Had Bellow been a Black Panther or a Communist we know for sure the National news media would have had story after story of how Internal Revenue Service raided his house at night and with an 85 pound battering ram busted down his door. Bellow, upon hearing the commotion, jumped out of the bathtub with no clothes on. He proceeded to his alley door and there the agents entered and upon entrance to this man's house they put a bullet in his head. We are warning Internal Revenue Service they had better repent for this act and all other acts and had better quit their jobs and find decent work instead of being termites boring into the heart of American freedom. We are also warning the Black Panthers, the Brown Berets, the Communist Party, the SDS, and all the scum of the earth for the American people are caught in a vise with the Federal bureaucracy in one end intent in turning this country into a socialistic dictatorship and the Communist radicals on the other end.

Tape recorder's on, go ahead.

Sir, you indicated tonight that the purpose of this meeting with the news media was to issue a warning, not only to the American people, but to Arizonans. Would you give this warning you had now?

This warning is not yet a declaration of war of any sort, it's a warning to Arizonans, it's a warning to people of this country, it's a warning to the world that if we do not act soon and I mean real soon, this whole world could be caught in one of the most brutal socialistic dictatorships the world has ever seen.

Okay, now, you -- in giving this warning you specified some things that your organization was concerned about and you issued some more warnings, you talked about Federal bureaucracy among them, what does that concern?

Yes, the Federal bureaus have been unwittingly and oftentimes the instruments of this conspiracy. This conspiracy is many branches and many facets. To name a few of the elements of it one would have to include the CFR, would have to include the Black Panthers and other such groups. Now, there exists in this society a vise. On the top you have the International Bankers, the CFR and others and then at the bottom you have the Black Panthers and the Brown Berets and others and they are closing this vise in on the American people. Secret communication goes down from these conspirators to the radical groups that cause trouble and give the conspiracy, the bureaucracy within the conspiracy, the excuse to pass repressive laws that flop the Constitution and we -- our purpose is to preserve this Constitution. We are not advocating the violent overthrow of our Constitutional form of Government, we are advocating the preservation of it.

Yeah, but how can you -- what steps are you prepared to take, what are you going to do if things don't materialize the way you want them to? Then what steps is your organization going to take?

Well, Winston Churchill said that we had better keep our eyes open and better keep vigilant because there comes a time in history when you can preserve your freedom by words and there comes a time in history that if you don't act soon enough that you have to fight to preserve your liberty and there comes a time in history if you wait too long it's better to die than to live under this socialistic dictatorship.

In other words you're saying that it could come to in this country, it could come.....

Yes, it could come to that.

It could come to the point of armed conflict and you mentioned too earlier that your organization nationally had met in secret and formulated some plans. Is there anything you'd like to say?

Our organization has many branches, many groups acting in concert, they don't have a central leadership, it's just that they all have the same idea and they act upon it.

Okay, think that will about do it?

And the Communist radicals on the other end attempting to do the same thing. Included in this warning are all enemies of the Constitution, all enemies of the Constitution, whether they be Nazi, Fascist, Socialist or Communist. Gentlemen, included in this warning are all people regardless of their nationality or their occupation who are trying to destroy the Constitution and the

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